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The Virginia Main Street Program is a preservation-based economic and community development program that follows the Main Street Four-Point Approach™ developed by the National Trust Main Street Center. Virginia Main Street offers a range of services and assistance to communities interested in revitalizing their historic commercial districts. While the program was designed to address the need for revitalization and on-going management of smaller to mid-sized downtowns, aspects of the Main Street Approach™ may be applied successfully in other commercial settings.

Eligibility

As resources allow, Virginia Main Street holds a competitive application period for historic commercial districts who wish to become Designated Virginia Main Street Communities. While VMS is not accepting applications at this time, VMS is always looking to work with any historic commercial district, regardless of their size and location.

All historic commercial districts that are interested in using the Main Street Four Point Approach™

are eligible to become DHCD Commercial District Affiliate Partners.

Program Resources

- [Virginia Main Street Program Guide](#)
- **[30 Years of Impact:](#)** [How the Main Street program has revitalized Virginia communities](#)
- [Designated Virginia Main Street Communities](#)
- [DHCD Commercial District Affiliate Application](#)
- [VMS blog](#)
- [VMS Travel Guide](#) (8mb PDF)
- [Visit Main Street](#)
- [Revitalization Resources](#)
- [VMS Training Archive](#)
- [Economic Restructuring](#)
- [VMS "Getting Started"](#)
- [Resources for Virginia's Downtown's](#)
- [Virginia Main Street PowerPoint Presentation Handout](#)
- [General Talking Points](#)

Program Highlights

- **Upcoming Workshops** ([2016 VMS Training Opportunities](#))
- [2017 Downtown Investment Grant Manual \(Application deadline May 2, 2016\)](#)
- [2017 Financial Feasibility Grant Manual \(Open submission until October 1, 2016 or funds are exhausted\)](#)

Helpful Links

- [National Main Street Center](#)
- [Virginia Department of Historic Resources](#)
- [Virginia Downtown Development Association](#)
- [Virginia Small Business Development Centers](#)
- [Association for Enterprise Opportunity](#)
- [Virginia Community Capital](#)